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### **Media Advisory**

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Mayor Bob Young announced today the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, J. Steven Griles, will make a site visit to the Augusta Canal National Heritage Area on Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

The purpose of the Secretary's visit, according to Mayor Young, is to showcase the public/private partnerships that have been developed to complete the master plan for development for the historic waterway.

Mayor Young said: "We are indeed fortunate to have Secretary Griles come to Augusta to see first-hand the work underway on the canal. The project would never be this far along without the committed support of our local partners and the Heritage Area program administered by the Department of Interior."

Secretary Griles will inspect the Atlanta Gas Light Company remediation site downtown and the restoration work Columbia County is accomplishing at the canal head gates.

Mayor Young said: "The partnerships with private companies, local and state governments, and our Federal agencies have resulted in one of the finest examples of Heritage Area development in the country."

A copy of Secretary Griles schedule is attached, along with a copy of his biography.

Media coverage of any of the activities should be coordinated directly with the contact person identified